Mr. A. B. SALEM.

3. Will the Government be pleased to inform how many of these applicants they were able to entertain in the service and the starting pay given to applicants of each class ?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

Of the 2,432 applicants shown in the answer to question 2 above, 585 were appointed either permanently or temporarily. The starting pay varies according to the qualifications of the applicants and the nature of the appointment and the department in which they were entertained.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

What I wish to know is the pay generally given to Graduates in the Huzur and other departments? Is any starting pay fixed for graduates?

President.—You mean the starting pay in the different departments? In the Huzur, I know, as a matter of fact, the starting pay is Rs. 40.

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

In the Huzur it is Rs. 40.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

Whether there is any such rule as far as other departments are concerned.

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

There is no such rule as far as other departments are concerned.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

4. Will the Government be further pleased to inform how many of these applicants were Cochinites?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

Of the total number of applicants, 2,313 were Cochinites.

Publication of an article in the Samatvavadi about appointments.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

5. Will the Government be pleased to inform whether they are aware of the publication styled "[illegible]" in the issue of the 'Samatvavadi' dated 18th Medam 1100 / 30th

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April 1925 and if so, whether the figures given in the said note regarding the number of the population of the various classes or castes and the number of people from each such class drawing Rs. 50 and above per mensem as salary are correct?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

Government have come across the publication under reference. They cannot undertake to verify the accuracy of such figures given in newspaper publications.

Statue of H. H. Sri Sir Rama Varma, G.C. S. I., G. C. I. E.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

6. Will the Government be pleased to inform

(1) the authority that granted the site in front of the Public Offices at Ernakulam for the erection of the Statue of His Highness Raja Sri Sir Rama Varma, G.-C. S. I., G. C. I. E., of Cochin?

(2) the term if any on which the site has been granted?

(3) the total amounts that went to the credit of the Shashtipurthi Committee that put up the Statue, by way of principal, interest, and deposits in the Government Treasuries of the State?

(4) the total amount drawn up-to-date from the Treasuries and the balance outstanding to its credit in the Treasuries of the State?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

(1) The Government.

(2) A copy of the Vice-President's letter is placed on the table. (*Vide Appendix I*).

(3) Rs. 37,828—7—7.

(4) The whole amount was drawn and no balance is outstanding in the Treasuries.

Government contribution towards the Shashtipurthi of H. H. Sri Sir Rama Varma, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

7. Will the Government be pleased to inform the amount of the contribution they made towards the memory of the Shashtipurthi of His Highness Raja Sri Sir Rama Varma, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E.?

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